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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

Imperial Service

Appointment of Tiyyas of Kerala as District Judges.

* 1830 Q.—Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether there are qualified persons among the Tiyyas of Kerala (backward community) to hold the posts of District Judges and, if so, whether any of them have been appointed as such?

A.—Such posts are reserved for members of the I.C.S. excepting a limited number which are reserved for persons promoted from the Provincial Judicial service or for persons appointed directly from the Bar. It is quite possible that there are Tiyyas at the Bar or in the Provincial Judicial service who may be qualified to hold the post of District Judge. No post of District Judge is at present held by a Tiyya.

Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—“Sir, will the Government be pleased to consider the claims of the Tiyya community when a vacancy of the District Judge arises?”

The hon. Sir Noman Marjoriebanks:—“When a vacancy arises—certainly, Sir.”

Appointment of a Tiyya as a District Collector.

* 1831 Q.—Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether any Tiyya has been appointed as a District Collector and if not whether one will be appointed soon?

A.—So far as the Government have been able to trace no District Collector to date has been a Tiyya. There is at least one Tiyya amongst the Sub-Collectors and he will no doubt reach the post of Collector before long.

Irrigation

Repairs to irrigation channel in Mel-Pudupakkam, North Arcot.

* 1832 Q.—Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the villagers of Mel-Pudupakkam, Wallajah taluk, North Arcot district, sent up a number of memorials to the District Collector and the Board of Revenue urging the necessity for the repair of the Irrigation channel from the Kamandalanya river to Mel-Pudupakkam lake;

(b) if so, what orders have been passed on them; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to undertake the work?

A.—(a) The Government do not know whether or no such petitions have been received by the authorities named.

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- (b) & (c) Even if such petitions have been received that fact alone would not justify the Government in issuing the orders suggested. Inspection will be necessary and the preparation of estimates. The Government have no reason to suppose that the local authorities are not taking such steps but the question and the answer will be forwarded to the Collector.

Land Revenue

Transfers of Revenue Divisional Officers of Nuzvid and Bezwada.

* 1833 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) how many transfers have been made of the Revenue Divisional Officers of Nuzvid and Bezwada divisions since 1st January 1927 up to this time; and

(b) why so many transfers were made?

A.—(a) (1) Three for Nuzvid division.

(2) No transfer was made for Bezwada division. The Sub-Collector (Mr. Chandran) was on leave for two weeks from 30th May to 13th June 1927, when the Deputy Collector, Nuzvid, was in additional charge. Mr. Chandran returned to the division on 14th June 1927 and continues there.

(b) As regards Bezwada division the answer is in clause (a) above.

As regards Nuzvid division the first change was because the incumbent went on leave. His successor was moved as an officer trained for treasury charge was required for a Tamil district and a transfer had to be made from somewhere. The officer at Nuzvid was chosen as he was a Tamil who had asked for a transfer to a Tamil district. The third transfer was made as part of the arrangements to provide a senior officer and one who had no local connections for the Bandar division. The fact that the officer originally posted to that division had local connections was unfortunately overlooked when the posting was made.

The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI:—“ Will the Government be pleased not to pursue the policy of frequent transfer of the Revenue Divisional Officers? ”

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—“ It is not the policy of the Government though it may be forced to pursue that course sometimes.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—“ May I know what steps have been taken to prevent recurrences of the unfortunate overlooking referred to in the last sentence? ”

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—“ No special steps except greater vigilance.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—“ Any notice taken of the authority responsible for it? ”

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—“ I fear Government itself was responsible.”